

February Job Postings 2020-2021 Comparison



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Job Demand during COVID-19

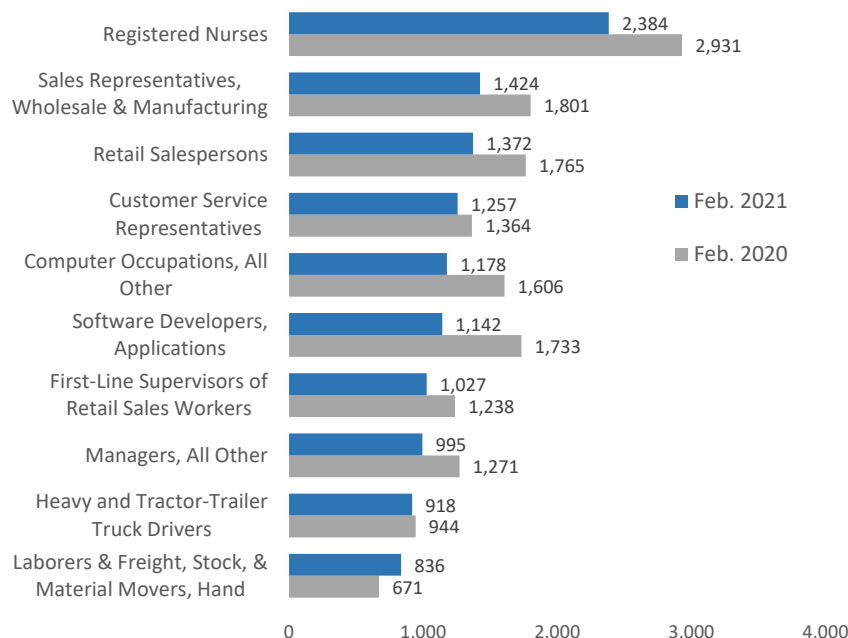
The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs in the spring and summer of 2020 as businesses shut down to prevent the spread of the virus. Although unemployment rates have decreased since the start of the pandemic, many Missourians remain unemployed and there continue to be shifts in job postings. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In February 2021, there were 48,681 online job postings, compared to 55,987 in February 2020, representing a 13 percent decrease. Job postings have decreased while the number of unemployed Missourians has increased. In February 2021, there were 2.6 unemployed Missourians for every job posting. In February 2020, there were only 2.0 unemployed Missourians for every posting.

Top Occupations

The chart below shows the top 10 occupations with the most job postings in February 2021, compared to the number of job postings in February 2020. Every occupation but *Laborers and Material Movers* showed an over-the-year decrease. Occupations with the largest over-the-year decreases were *Software Developers, Applications* (-52%) and *Computer Occupations, All Other* (-36%).

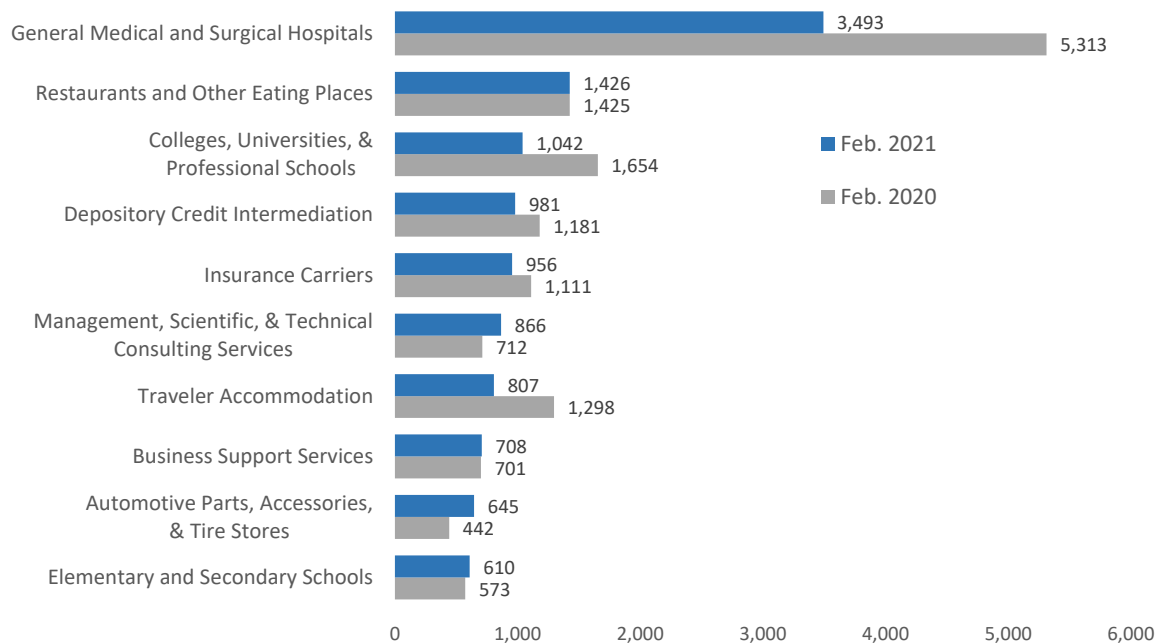
Occupations with the Most Online Job Postings



Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in February 2021, compared to February 2020. Although *General Medical and Surgical Hospitals* had the most postings, it showed the largest over-the-year decrease, with postings decreasing by 1,820, or 34 percent. Other large decreases were found in *Traveler Accommodation* (-38%) and *Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools* (-37%). *Automotive Parts, Accessories, & Tire Stores* showed the largest percentage over-the-year increase, with postings increasing 46 percent from February 2020.

Industries with the Most Online Job Postings



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